

**IN THE CLAIMS**

1 (currently amended): A thermal inkjet ink comprising, by weight with respect to the total weight of said ink:

5        ~~at least about 4 percent to about 4.5 percent~~ color pigment having aromatic rings,

a dispersant having moieties consisting essentially of acrylic acid or lower alkyl substituted acrylic acid (MAA), poly(propylene glycol)-4-nonylphenyl ether acrylate (NPHPPG), and poly (ethylene glycol) 2,4,6-tris-(1-phenylethyl) phenyl ether methacrylate (TRISA),

10      a pigment to dispersant ratio by weight of about 2.5 to 9.5 parts pigment to 1 part dispersant,

      a humectant and

      a surfactant.

2 (Original): The ink of claim 1 in which the molar ratio of said TRISA in said dispersant is about 1 part to 16 parts of said MAA and NPHPPG combined.

3 (Original): The ink of claim 1 in which said surfactant is ethoxylated 2,4,7,9-tetramethyl 5 decyn- 4,7-diol.

4 (Original): The ink of claim 2 in which said surfactant is ethoxylated 2,4,7,9-tetramethyl 5 decyn- 4,7-diol.

5 (Currently amended): A thermal inkjet ink comprising, by weight with respect to the total weight of said ink:

~~at least about 4 percent to about 4.5 percent~~ color pigment having aromatic rings,

5        a dispersant having moieties consisting essentially of acrylic acid or lower alkyl substituted acrylic acid (MAA), poly(propylene glycol)-4-nonylphenyl ether acrylate (NPHPPG), and poly (ethylene glycol) 2, 4, 6-tris-(1-phenylethyl) phenyl ether methacrylate (TRISA),

the molar ratio of said MAA in said dispersant is about 15 parts to 2 parts of  
10      said NPHPPG and TRISA combined,

a pigment to dispersant ratio by weight of about 2.5 to 9.5 parts pigment to 1 part dispersant,

a humectant and

a surfactant.

6 (Original): The ink of claim 5 in which the molar ratio of said TRISA in said dispersant is about 1 part to 16 parts of said MAA and NPHPPG combined.

7 (Original): The ink of claim 5 in which said surfactant is ethoxylated 2,4,7,9-tetramethyl 5 decyn-4,7-diol.

8 (Original):The ink of claim 6 in which said surfactant is ethoxylated 2,4,7,9-tetramethyl 5 decyn- 4,7-diol.

9 (Currently amended): A thermal inkjet ink comprising, by weight with respect to the total weight of said ink:

at least about 4 percent to about 4.5 percent color pigment having aromatic rings,

5        a dispersant having moieties consisting essentially of acrylic acid or lower alkyl substituted acrylic acid (MAA), poly(propylene glycol)-4-nonylphenyl ether acrylate (NPHPPG), and poly (ethylene glycol) 2, 4, 6-tris-(1-phenylethyl) phenyl ether methacrylate (TRISA),

the molar ratio of said MAA in said dispersant is at most about 3 parts to 1  
10 part of said NPHPPG and TRISA combined,  
a pigment to dispersant ratio by weight of about 2.5 to 9.5 parts pigment to 1  
part dispersant,  
a humectant and  
a surfactant.

10 (Original): The ink of claim 9 in which the molar ratio of said TRISA in said  
dispersant is about 1 part to 16 parts of said MAA and NPHPPG combined.

11 (Original): The ink of claim 9 ink which the molar ratio of said TRISA in said  
dispersant is about 2 parts to 15 parts of said MAA and NPHPPG combined.

12 (Original): The ink of claim 9 in which said surfactant is ethoxylated 2,4,7,9-  
tetramethyl 5 decyn 4,7-diol.

13 (Original): The ink of claim 10 in which said surfactant is ethoxylated 2,4,7,9-  
tetramethyl 5 decyn 4,7-diol.

14 (Original): The ink of claim 11 in which said surfactant is ethoxylated 2,4,7,9-  
tetramethyl 5 decyn 4,7-diol.

15 (Currently amended): A thermal inkjet ink comprising, by weight with respect to  
the total weight of said ink:

~~at least about 4 percent to about 4.5 percent~~ color pigment having aromatic  
rings,

5 a dispersant having moieties consisting essentially of an acrylic acid or lower  
alkyl substituted acrylic acid (MAA), poly(propylene glycol)-4-nonylphenyl ether  
acrylate (NPHPPG), and poly(ethylene glycol) 2,4,6-tris-(1-phenylethyl) phenyl  
ether methacrylate (TRISA), the monomer molar composition of said dispersant  
being by percent 45-90 MAA, 5-50 NPHPPG, and 5-20 TRISA,

a pigment to dispersant ratio by weight of at least about 2.5 parts pigment to 1 part dispersant,  
a humectant and  
a surfactant.